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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director for Administration
Deputy Director for Intelligence
Deputy Director for Operations
Deputy Director for Science and Technology

FROM: John F. Blake
Acting Deputy Director of
Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: The Program of the Center for the Study
of Intelligence

1. The Center for the Study of Intelligence, established three years ago, sponsors a dual program of intelligence studies and discussions designed to illuminate the processes and functions of intelligence. Its objective is to contribute to the professional understanding and to the record of the art of intelligence. To this end, it distributes the results of its research projects and seminar discussions throughout the Agency, and occasionally to some other components of the U.S. Government.

2. The Center's contribution has been worthwhile in my judgment, and its continued programs deserve your strong support. Research projects at the Center are undertaken by "Intelligence Fellows"--volunteer officers on full-time detail to the Center for periods ranging from a few weeks to one year, depending upon the nature of the projects under study. For the Center to continue its high caliber of work, it needs a continuing flow of our most capable officers working on genuinely vexing intelligence problems that require considerable delicacy of handling. Officers of sound judgment should be able to treat sensitive issues with a maturity that commands respect, whether or not we all agree with the conclusions of their research and study.

3. I am taking this opportunity to request your personal cooperation in suggesting bold and imaginative studies of salient problems which the Center might undertake and in identifying good potential "Intelligence Fellows" to carry out such studies. The Center can be reached on extension

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